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Letter dated 14 January 2003 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present 27 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states as follows:

"A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

2. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (2001 and 2002) are as follows:

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Minimum payment (United States dollars)</i>
Antigua and Barbuda	16 500.00
Belarus	2 403 777.00
Burundi	58 000.00 ^a
Cape Verde	27 200.00
Central African Republic	308 800.00
Chad	11 800.00
Comoros	732 500.00 ^a
Democratic Republic of the Congo	62 900.00
Djibouti	9 900.00
Dominica	8 900.00
Georgia	6 796 800.00 ^a
Guinea-Bissau	447 700.00 ^a



<i>Member State</i>	<i>Minimum payment (United States dollars)</i>
Haiti	23 900.00
Iraq	12 621 200.00
Kenya	9 100.00
Kyrgyzstan	93 192.72
Liberia	1 098 800.00
Mauritania	11 300.00
Niger	353 700.00
Republic of Moldova	2 576 366.00 ^a
Sao Tome and Principe	551 100.00 ^a
Solomon Islands	385.00
Somalia	979 400.00 ^a
Tajikistan	1 719 989.00 ^a
Uzbekistan	358 774.00
Vanuatu	9 800.00
Venezuela	739 600.00

^a By its resolution 57/4 of 27 September 2002, the General Assembly decided that the Comoros, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, the Republic of Moldova, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia and Tajikistan would be permitted to vote in the Assembly until 30 June 2003 and that Burundi would be permitted to vote in the Assembly until the next substantive session of the Committee on Contributions, scheduled to be held from 2 June 2003.

(Signed) Kofi Annan
Secretary-General